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**ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AFRICAN SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION OBSERVATORY
IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA**

(Item Proposed by the Republic of Equatorial Guinea)

*The President of the Republic
Of Equatorial Guinea*

Malabo, 23 November 2008

**His Excellency Mr. Jean Ping
Chairperson of the African Union Commission
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.**

Your Excellency,

During the Eighth Summit of the African Union held in Addis Ababa in January 2007, the Assembly of Heads of State and Government approved the Consolidated Plan of Action on Science, Technology and Innovation.

Considering the interest attached by the people of Equatorial Guinea to scientific and technological advances in Africa and the application thereof for the benefit of its inhabitants, sustained economic development and the preservation of life, I took the initiative to propose to UNESCO to create an international scientific award known as the UNESCO-OBIANG NGUEMA MBASOGO Prize for Life Sciences. At its 180th Extraordinary Session held in Paris in October 2008, the Executive Council of UNESCO, which is the body assigned by the January 2007 Summit of African Heads of State to work in close collaboration with the AU/NEPAD towards the implementation of the CPA, approved the proposal.

The Republic of Equatorial Guinea is monitoring very closely the preparatory works on the CPA, and is very pleased to propose the establishment, in Equatorial Guinea, of the African Observatory of Science, Technology and Innovation.

In this respect, the Prime Minister, Head of Government, sent a letter to the Chairperson of the African Ministerial Council on Science and Technology (AMCOST), requesting him to include the proposal relating to the establishment of the African Observatory in Equatorial Guinea on the agenda of the AMCOST meeting scheduled for Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, during the first week of December 2008.

Accordingly, I wish to count on your most kind support for this item to be included on the agenda of the next Summit of Heads of State of the African Union.

On behalf of the People of Equatorial Guinea and in my own name, I pray you, Mr President, to accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

OBIANG NGUEMA MBASOGO

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